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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. These documents have been cited in an official action dated February 10, 2003, in a corresponding Japanese application. One copy of each of the listed documents is attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after issuance of a first official action on the merits and expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application, but prior to issuance of a final official action or a Notice of Allowance or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

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The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Documents FA to FD are not in the English language. However, an English abstract of each of the documents is submitted herewith. Therefore, the concise explanation of the relevance of these documents under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 is believed to be satisfied.

Please note that a Derwent abstract of document FD was submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 1, 2000. A copy of the reference is being resubmitted for the convenience of the Examiner.

No fee is required in connection with this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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